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SUBJECT: CW ARMS CONTROL DISCUSSIONS

REFS: (A) STATE 032037; (B) GENEVA 1066; (C) GENEVA 1182

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1. THIS MESSAGE PROVIDES GUIDANCE CONCERNING CCD ACTIVITIES  
IN CW FIELD, US-USSR CONSULTATIONS ON CW, AND CONSULTATIONS  
WITH KEY ALLIES.

2. WHILE WE RECOGNIZE THAT THERE IS STRONG INTEREST IN  
CCD IN INTENSIFYING COMMITTEE'S WORK ON CHEMICAL WEAPONS,  
US POSITION ON ESTABLISHING A CW WORKING GROUP DURING THE

SPRING SESSION AS PROPOSED BY ITALIAN DEL (AND SUP-  
PORTED BY UK AND CANADA) REMAINS AS IN REF A.

3. WE HAVE RESERVATIONS ABOUT HOLDING INFORMAL MEETINGS AT THE CCD WITH CW EXPERTS IN LATE MARCH, BUT WE ALSO RECOGNIZE THAT SUCH MEETINGS MAY SERVE TO FORESTALL ESTABLISHMENT OF A WORKING GROUP DURING CURRENT SESSION AND COULD AGREE TO HOLD THEM AS PROPOSED IN REF C. USG WOULD PLAN TO SEND EXPERTS TO MEETINGS WEEK OF MARCH 28 AND TO PARTICIPATE ACTIVELY. WE WOULD HOPE, HOWEVER, THAT TWO OR THREE INFORMAL SESSIONS WOULD SUFFICE.

4. AS FAR AS US-SOVIET BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS ARE CONCERNED, WE WOULD PREFER TO HOLD INITIAL SESSIONS DURING WEEK OF MARCH 28 AS WELL, TIME PERMITTING, AND WILL BE PREPARED TO DO SO. WE BELIEVE THAT BEGINNING CONSULTATIONS BEFORE HIGH-LEVEL BILATERAL TALKS IN MOSCOW ARE COMPLETED WILL HELP KEEP FOCUS ON TECHNICAL ASPECTS. IN ADDITION, THIS SCHEDULE WOULD HELP REDUCE PERIOD DURING WHICH CW EXPERTS ARE ABSENT FROM POLICY DISCUSSIONS UNDERWAY IN WASHINGTON.

5. AS RESPONSE TO SOVIET REQUEST FOR BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS ON CW DURING CCD SPRING SESSION (REF B), YOU SHOULD COMMUNICATE POINTS A-C BELOW TO SOVIET CCD REP.

A. USG CONTINUES TO ATTACH GREAT IMPORTANCE TO THE EFFORT TO REACH AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE US AND USSR ON PRINCIPLES OF CW LIMITATION AS THE BASIS FOR A POSSIBLE JOINT  
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INITIATIVE.

B. THE US VIEW IS THAT ANOTHER ROUND OF TECHNICALLY-ORIENTED BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS COULD BE HELD IN GENEVA DURING THE SPRING CCD SESSION, ASSUMING A MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE AGENDA CAN BE WORKED OUT. THE US SIDE PROPOSES THE FOLLOWING AGENDA ITEMS:

(1) QUESTIONS OF DEFINITION; (2) VERIFICATION ISSUES, PARTICULARLY VERIFICATION OF THE DESTRUCTION OF DECLARED STOCKPILES; (3) TECHNICAL EXCHANGE VISITS; (4) FORM OF A POSSIBLE JOINT INITIATIVE.

C. IF AGREEMENT CAN BE REACHED ON THE AGENDA IN THE NEAR FUTURE, IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO HOLD INITIAL BILATERAL SESSIONS DURING WEEK OF MARCH 28, ASSUMING THE SCHEDULE OF CCD INFORMAL MEETINGS PERMITS, WITH FURTHER BILATERAL SESSIONS, IF NECESSARY, AT THE BEGINNING OF THE FOLLOWING WEEK.

6. PLEASE INFORM FRG, UK AND JAPANESE DELS ON LOW-KEY, CONFIDENTIAL BASIS THAT WE ARE DISCUSSING WITH SOVIETS POSSIBILITY OF HOLDING ANOTHER ROUND OF TECHNICALLY-ORIENTED CONSULTATIONS LATE IN THE CURRENT CCD SESSION, POSSIBLY AT THE END OF MARCH OR EARLY IN APRIL. YOU SHOULD EMPHASIZE OUR INTENTION THAT THE NEXT ROUND CONTINUE TO FOCUS ON TECHNICAL ASPECTS OF CW LIMITATIONS. YOU SHOULD ALSO INDICATE THAT USG IS UNDERTAKING A FRESH REVIEW OF CW ISSUES WITH A VIEW TO FACILITATING THE CCD'S WORK THIS YEAR. AS PART OF THIS REVIEW, WE WISH TO CONSULT CLOSELY AND WILL BE IN TOUCH IN NEAR FUTURE ON THIS SUBJECT. (FYI. WE ARE CONSIDERING

POSSIBILITY OF HAVING BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS IN LONDON, BONN, AND PARIS EARLY IN MARCH. OUR EXPECTATION IS THAT CONSULTATIONS WITH JAPANESE WOULD BE HELD IN GENEVA DURING CONFIDENTIAL

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WEEK OF MARCH 28. END FYI.)  
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